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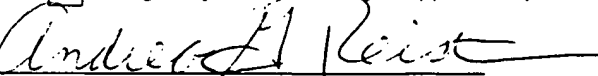
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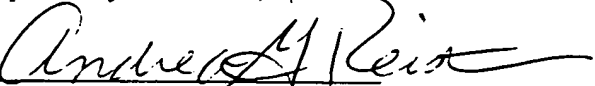
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Dear Sir:

The documents listed below were filed by applicants in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on August 28, 2002, as evidenced by the copy of the post card date-stamped by the PTO (listed below as item 1). A copy of each of the documents listed below is submitted herewith for entry and action by the PTO. As noted by Examiner Pulliam in the telephone message of July 30, 2003, upon receipt of the attached documents, the Office Action mailed July 24, 2003 will be vacated, the preliminary amendment filed August 28, 2002 will be entered, and a new office action will be issued on the claims after entry of the preliminary amendment. As the preliminary amendment was originally filed on August 28, 2002 and not acted upon due to error on the part of the PTO, applicants respectfully submit that the preliminary amendment is

in acceptable form in accordance with the rules in affect on August 28, 2002, and not subject to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 that are effective as of July 30, 2003.

1. Copy of date stamped postcard evidencing receipt by the PTO on August 28, 2002 of the documents listed below as items 2-9;

2. Transmittal Letter;

3. Fee Transmittal;

4. Amendment Transmittal Letter;

5. Preliminary Amendment;

6. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;

7. Form PTO/SB/08A;

8. One cited document; and

9. Check No. 300679 for \$336 to cover the additional claims fee.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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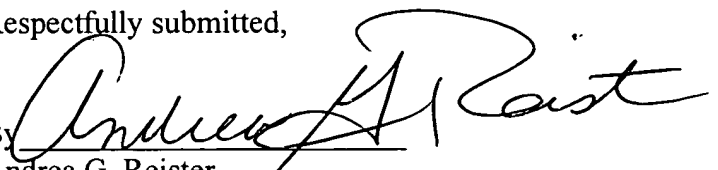
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the preliminary amendment, consider the Information Disclosure Statement, vacate the outstanding office action dated July 24, 2003, and

issue a new office action. In the event that communication with the undersigned will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Dated: July 31, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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